

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

SEP 16 2004
PATENT OFFICE

Application Number	10/087,913
Filing Date	March 5, 2002
First Named Inventor	SHIMIZU, Kozo, et al.
Group Art Unit	1751
Name of Examiner	Mark T. Kopec
Attorney Docket No.	020263

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1,190.00 (\$770 for the filing fee and \$420.00 for a two month Petition for Extension of Time) to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Also charge for any additional fees or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

PAGE 2



23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty Docket No.

020263

SIGNATURE BY APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name Mel R. Quintos

Registration No. 31,898 (atty/agent)

Signature

Date September 16, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, MAIL STOP RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

Name

Signature



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SHIMIZU, Kozo et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1751**

Serial No.: **10/087,913**

Examiner: **Mark T. Kopec**

Filed: **March 5, 2002**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **6062**

For: **CONDUCTIVE PARTICLES, CONDUCTIVE COMPOSITION, ELECTRONIC
DEVICE, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 16, 2004

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.